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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions:

Please cancel claims 4 and 5.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A forestry management process comprising:
 - inserting, at least ~~one~~ a first tag having a frequency capable of being read by a scanner into a trunk portion of a tree;
 - associating at least one item of information with said ~~at least one~~ first tag;
 - performing at least one subsequent scan on said ~~at least one~~ first tag,wherein said subsequent scan takes place after said ~~at least one~~ first tag is inserted into said tree;
 - obtaining said at least one item of information associated with said ~~at least one~~ first tag;
 - wherein said at least one item of information is relevant to forestry management;
 - wherein at least ~~one of said at least one~~ a second tag is inserted in the base portion of said tree, and wherein said second tag in the base portion of said tree matches said ~~tag in the trunk portion of said tree~~ first tag, whereby matching includes at least one piece of common information;
 - harvesting said trunk portion of said tree, wherein said second tag in the base portion of said tree remains unharvested.
2. (Canceled) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein the inserting of said at least one tag has a negligible physiological impact on said tree.
3. (Currently Amended) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein the inserting of said ~~at least one~~ first tag leaves an immediate minimal visual

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mark on said tree.

4. (Canceled) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein at least one of said at least one tag is inserted into the trunk portion of said tree.
5. (Canceled) The forestry management process as in claim 4, wherein at least one of said at least one tag is inserted in the base portion of said tree, and wherein said tag in the base portion of said tree matches said tag in the trunk portion of said tree.
6. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein said at least one item of information is changed after performing said subsequent scan.
7. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein said at least one item of information comprises at least one of a tree identifier, a border marking, an owner marking, an environmental assessment, an area identifier, and a harvest date.
8. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein said at least one item of information is related to data in a remote data base.
9. (Previously Presented) The forestry management process as in claim 8, wherein said data in said remote data base comprises instructions on when to harvest said tree.
10. (Currently Amended) The forestry management process as in claim 1, further comprising sending said at least one item of information associated with said at least one first tag to a computer
11. (Previously Presented) The forestry management process as in claim 10, wherein said computer gives instruction when to harvest said tree.

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12. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 10, wherein said computer system is linked with a computer.

13. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 10, wherein said computer is linked with a scanning system.

14. (Previously Presented) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein said subsequent scan is performed with a scanner mounted on at least one of a lumber yard entrance, a lumber yard building, and a truck inspection station.

15. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein said frequency is a radio frequency.

16. (Currently Amended) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein at least one of said ~~at least one tag~~ first tag and said second tag is passive.

17. (Currently Amended) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein at least one of said ~~at least one tag~~ first tag and said second tag is active.

18. (Currently Amended) A forestry management process comprising:
 inserting, at least one a first tag having a frequency capable of being read by a scanner into a tree;
 scanning said ~~at least one first~~ tag by a person;
 associating at least one item of information with said ~~at least one first~~ tag;
 performing at least one subsequent scan on said ~~at least one first~~ tag;
 obtaining said at least one item of information associated with said ~~at least one first~~ tag;

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inserting a second tag into a ~~base portion of said tree~~;
wherein said frequency is identifiable over other frequencies;
wherein said at least one item of information is relevant to forestry
management;
wherein said at least one item of information is related to data in a remote
data base;
wherein information associated with said ~~at least one first~~ tag includes a
harvest identifier; and
harvesting said tree, wherein at least one tag remains in said tree at least
until said tree arrives at a processing center;
wherein at least one tag is in the base portion of the tree
wherein ~~said second~~ at least one tag is not harvested with said tree, and
wherein ~~said second tag~~ the tag not harvested matches at least one piece of
information associated with ~~said at least one tag~~ the harvested tag.

19. (Previously Presented) The forestry management process as in claim 18,
wherein said person may alter said associated data.

20. (Currently Amended) A forestry management process comprising:
inserting at least ~~one~~ a first tag having a frequency capable of being read
by a scanner into a harvesting portion of a tree and wherein said frequency is
pre-associated with at least one item of information relating to forestry
management;
scanning said ~~at least one first~~ tag;
obtaining said at least one item of information associated with said at least
one tag;
wherein said at least one item of information is related to forestry
management; and
inserting at least ~~one additional~~ a second tag into a stump portion of said
tree, where said stump portion is a non-harvested portion of said tree;

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wherein said ~~at least one additional~~ second tag matches said ~~at least one~~
first tag;

wherein said ~~at least one~~ first tag is associated with information
concerning the location of said ~~at least one additional~~ second tag.